GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS BY PAKISTAN
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan has been clandestinely developing nuclear weapons;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto;

(c) whether this matter has been raised by India at various international fora and the Government also drew the attention of the US and other powers towards it; and

(d) if so, the response of these countries thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a)- (d): It is well known that for more than three decades, Pakistan has actively pursued a clandestine nuclear weapons programme. The problem of clandestine acquisition of nuclear weapons technologies by Pakistan is a matter of deep concern. In its interactions with key interlocutors, including the US, India has consistently shared its concerns regarding the adverse effect of such developments on India`s security. The Government carefully monitors all such developments which have a bearing on our security and is committed to taking all necessary steps to safeguard the nation`s security.